suggest a flow adjusting plate interfering with the first flow path to supply the first radicals

towards a center of the substrate mounted on the supporting table, as defined in Claim 41.

M.P.E.P. § 2143.03 requires that all words in a claim must be considered in judging

the patentability of the claim against the prior art. M.P.E.P. § 2123 I states that a reference

may be relied on for all it would have reasonably suggested to one having ordinary skill in

the art, including non-preferred embodiments.

Accordingly, with no showing in Sano et al of the flow adjusting plates defined in

independent Claims 33 and 41, Claims 33 and 41 (and the claims dependent therefrom) are

believed to patentably define over the art of record.

Conclusion:

In light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to

have been overcome. The application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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